

## CZAR OUSTS GRAND DUKE

Alexis and Admiral Avellan Resign Control of Navy.

## BOTH UNDER CHARGES

Wholesale Rottenness in Administration Held Cause of Defeat.

St. Petersburg, June 16.—The Grand Duke Alexis, high admiral of the Russian navy, and Admiral Avellan, minister of marine, have resigned and the czar has accepted their resignations.

Their administration of the navy has been marked by a long succession of scandals since the war began. It was Grand Duke Alexis and Admiral Avellan who sent the volunteer fleet cruisers Smolensk and St. Petersburg through the Dardanelles disguised as merchant ships only to arm them as men-of-war as soon as they reached the Mediterranean, thus violating the spirit, if not the letter, of the treaty of Berlin.

Angered Great Britain. The Smolensk and St. Petersburg began patrolling the Red sea. They stopped and searched all British steamers, confiscated mails, and finally took possession of the British steamer Malacca, and started to convey it to the Baltic as a prize of war.

The British government compelled Russia to release the Malacca and to recall the Smolensk and St. Petersburg.

Grand Duke Alexis and Admiral Avellan gave Rojstovsky the orders which permitted him to fire on the English trawlers in the North sea. It was under their administration that so many of the ships sunk by Togo were completed—and the ships were so weak structurally that they were unfit to stand the strain of battle.

Creates Sensation. St. Petersburg, June 16.—The announcement that Emperor Nicholas had accepted the resignation of his uncle, the Grand Duke Alexis, as high admiral, created the great sensation when it became known today, but the announcement came too late for comment in the morning papers.

Raining at the Front. The latest news from the front indicates the rainy season is beginning sooner than usual. Already heavy storms have occurred and if the downpours continue military operations necessarily will come to a standstill without an armistice. There is some talk that Foreign Minister Lamsdorff may be one of the peace plenipotentiaries.

Asking for Cook. Saigon, June 16.—The Russian auxiliary cruiser Kouban has arrived off port and asked to be supplied with coal sufficient to reach the nearest Russian port. Her request is under consideration.

Linevitch Active. St. Petersburg, June 16.—Linevitch, in a dispatch to the emperor reports the Russian turning movement forced the Japanese to retire from Iulanzili June 11 after burning their supplies. Another Russian force the 12th advanced from the valley of the Tarn river to the village of Vanlongoung pushing back the Japanese advance posts. The same day the Russian cavalry occupying Nanshantchen retired slightly northward.

## BISHOP SPALDING TO RETURN

Illinois Prelate Will Make Second Trip to Hot Springs.

Peoria, Ill., June 16.—Bishop John L. Spalding, a sufferer from a paralytic stroke, will go to Hot Springs for a second time in the hope of recovering. First, he expects to go into northern Michigan for a short time. He has been in a hospital in this city for a month and has improved slightly, being able to use his left hand slightly.

## SAMUEL GREASON IS ACQUITTED

Accused Negro for Whose Death 10 Warrants Have Been Issued Cleared by Testimony of Mrs. Edwards, Who Will Hang.

Reading, Pa., June 16.—Samuel Greason, colored, was today acquitted of the murder of John Edwards. Mrs. Kate Edwards, wife of the murdered man, whose testimony convicted Greason over three years ago, today completely exonerated him.

Ten Death Warrants. Edwards was murdered nearly four years ago, and Greason was arrested several months later. His death war-

## THERY WINS AUTO RACE FOR BENNETT CUP IN FAST TIME

Paris, June 16.—Twenty-four contestants in the French trials for the James Gordon Bennett international auto cup started at 6 this morning over the Auvergne course. Thery, winner of the cup last year, was the first to start. He was followed by others at intervals of four minutes.

They finished first, covering 550 kilometers in seven hours and 42 minutes. Sizsz was second, and Callois, third.

## CONSPIRACY HELD

In Case of Those Connected With Storey Cotton Company at Philadelphia.

## TRUE BILLS ARE REPORTED

Parties Accused of Big Swindle Are All Fugitives From Justice But One.

Philadelphia, June 16.—The United States grand jury has found a true bill of indictment charging conspiracy against Frank C. Marrin, Oliver Quinlin, Stanley Francis, Arthur O. Howard, Walter B. Riggs, Thomas H. Quinland and Estelle Graham.

Closed by Government. The persons indicted are connected with the Storey Cotton company and Provident Investment bureau which were closed by government officials. With the exception of Stanley Francis all are fugitives from justice.

## CHINESE AT WEST POINT

First Time Students from Flowery Kingdom Have Been Admitted.

West Point, N. Y., June 16.—For the first time in the history of the military academy representatives of the Chinese empire have been admitted as cadets in the institution. Two young Chinamen, Ting Chia and Ying Haing Wen, with Luis Bagran, of Honduras, and F. Tomas Plaza, of Ecuador, under a special act of congress will receive instructions with the class of 145 candidates who were received as cadets.

## HAVE NEW DANCING SOCIETY

Third Association Organized as Result of Row Between Old Ones.

Columbus, Ohio, June 16.—As the result of the row between the two national dancing organizations now in session here, the United Professional Teachers has been organized with the following officers: President, G. R. Puckett, San Francisco; secretary, A. P. Morgan, Washington, Pa.; treasurer, A. J. Goconia, Thompsonville, Conn.

## C. A. WENDELL IS ORDAINED

Former Teacher of History Honored by Swedish Synod.

Rock Island people will be interested to learn that C. A. Wendell, formerly an instructor in history in Augustana college and the Rock Island high school, and who left here to become editor of a Rockford weekly paper, has been ordained, and is now pastor of the Emmanuel Lutheran church at Rockford. He has been in charge of the affairs of the church for more than a year, and his ordination by the Augustana synod at Stanton was in recognition of his scholarly attainments and demonstrated ability in the affairs of the Emmanuel church. He was not required to take the usual pastor's examination previous to ordination. A reception is to be tendered Rev. Wendell this evening at Rockford by the members of the church.

Kansas Needs 25,000 Harvesters.

Kansas City, Mo., June 16.—Kansas farmers will need 25,000 men and 2,240 teams to harvest their crops, according to a report made by the superintendent of the state labor department. The harvest, including the thrashing, will last about 60 days, and the wages will range from \$1.75 to \$2.50 a day. The shipping of men from this city to the Kansas fields will begin on Sunday next.

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Young Peoria Degenerate Hung for Murder of His Wife.

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Showed No Feeling. Botts strangled his wife by tying a hair ribbon around her neck. During his trial he seemed absolutely unconcerned and when convicted and sentenced he heaped curses on the judge and jury. He is generally believed to have committed another murder, but there was not sufficient evidence to convict him.

## JUDGE HITS CONTROL OF RAILWAY RATES

Enjoins Enforcement of Maximum Freight Law and Denies Penalties.

Kansas City, June 16.—Judge Smith McPherson of the Red Oak, Iowa, federal court today issued a temporary injunction restraining the state railway and warehouse commissioners of Missouri and the attorney general from enforcing the maximum freight rate law which went into effect today, and against three Kansas City shippers, preventing the latter from claiming penalties under the law. The injunction was granted on the ground that the rates provided in the new law are prohibitive and would amount to the confiscation of the railroad's property.

## INDICTMENTS FOR FIVE MEAT FIRMS

Prepared for Consideration of Chicago Federal Grand Jury.

Chicago, June 16.—Proposed indictments against officials of at least five packing firms were said to have been presented to members of the federal grand jury by District Attorney Morrison today for consideration. The report is current the indictments had practically been voted by the grand jury.

## FARMER KILLED IN FIELD BY LIGHTNING

Otto Andren Meets Instant Death While at Work on Farm Near Prospect Park.

Otto Andren, a farmer residing on the Will Smith farm, a mile east of Prospect park, on the Coalton road, was struck and instantly killed by lightning yesterday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock while at work plowing corn. His wife had called him to supper, but as he had only a few rows left to plow, and the storm was coming up, he waited to finish it before supper. The bolt struck him in the back of the head, and one arm, shattering one plow handle. The horses were not injured. Mr. Andren, who was about 45 years of age, was a resident of Moline until four years ago, when he took up his residence on the Smith farm. He is survived by his wife and children.

## BANK REPORT IS POSTPONED

Paris, Ill., June 16.—The grand jury has deferred its report on the Edgar county bank wrecking mystery, and it is expected that two or more indictments will be returned. An order of the court was issued yesterday, compelling the American Express company, through which Bookkeeper Junigen made remittances to a St. Louis commission house, to produce its books before the grand jury.

## GENERAL GOMEZ, CUBAN PATRIOT, IS NEAR DEATH

Havana, June 16.—Since midnight the condition of Gen. Maximo Gomez



GENERAL MAXIMO GOMEZ has steadily grown worse and his death may be expected at any time.

## COAL OPERATORS FAVOR SHUTDOWN

Springfield Mine Owners Will Go Into Convention Supporting Tie-Up of State Enterprise.

Springfield, Ill., June 16.—The coal operators of Springfield sub-district yesterday afternoon decided to vote at the convention of the association, to be held here June 20, for a shutdown of the coal mines on July 1, if the miners do not agree to recompense the operators for the extra expense they must undergo for extra shot firers.

## AUGUSTANA JUBILEE HELD AT ROCKFORD

Golden Anniversary of the Synod Will Attract Thousands of the Lutherans.

Rockford will entertain upon the occasion of the golden jubilee of the Augustana synod, which will be celebrated in 1910. This will be a great church gathering and the largest in the history of this synod. There will be about 600 pastors and as many delegates, and aside from these will be the many visitors who will be attracted by this celebration.

The invitation to meet in Rockford is to be extended by all three churches—the First, Zion and Emmanuel Lutheran. Although the gathering will not be held for a number of years, plans are already being made as the task will be a large one.

A fact not generally known, is that the Augustana synod was organized within 25 miles of Rockford, at a little church on the Illinois-Wisconsin state line near Clinton. The synod then consisted of all of the Swedish and Norwegian Lutheran churches in the country, but the dividing line was drawn in later years between the two nationalities.

The synod was organized in the year 1860. Previous to that time there had been Swedish Lutheran congregations in the country, but they had never been brought under one head. The old church is still standing and there was some talk of the synod purchasing the property and keeping it up so that it would not go to ruin.

## COSTS VAST SUM

SOUTHERN RAILWAY CONTRACTS FOR FIVE TUNNELS UNDER SIERRA NEVADAS.

Reno, Nevada, June 16.—Announcement is made that a contract for the construction of five tunnels through the Sierra Nevada mountains has been let by the Southern railway and work will begin within a month. The contract calls for the expenditure of \$25,000,000.

## INCORPORATION FOR AUDITORIUM

Formed By Rock Island Association—License Is Issued at Springfield.

Springfield, Ill., June 16, (Special).—The secretary of state issued today a license to incorporate to the Rock Island Auditorium association without capital stock. The object is to provide an entertainment hall. The incorporators are C. J. Larkin, Louis Eckhart, Jr., and W. J. French.

## STARTLING FACTS OUT

Vast Graft Disclosures Are Being Made at Philadelphia.

## ARRESTS TO FOLLOW

Names of Prominent City Officials Connected With the Case.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 16.—Additional arrests are expected as a result of the startling disclosures made yesterday at the hearing in the case of Select Councilman Frank H. Caven who is under bail on charges of being unlawfully interested in city contracts.

Rumor Gives Names. Persistent rumors are in circulation to the effect that the men whose arrests are being considered are State Insurance Commissioner I. W. Durham, State Senator James P. McNichol, former Director of Public Works Peter E. Costello, John W. Hill, former chief of filtration bureau, and one or two inspectors of filtration work.

Digs Up Rotteness. Philadelphia, Pa., June 16.—Secret agreements to rob the city, violations of city ordinances by councilmen, contracts awarded without competitive bids or to others than the lowest bidder, and the acceptance of the resignation of the highest salaried city official have resulted from the mayor's investigation of charges against Frank H. Caven, select councilman.

Caven is charged with violating his councilmanic oath by being interested in city contracts. It was shown that Insurance Commissioner I. W. Durham, leader of the republican organization, is a partner in the McNichol firm of city contractors, and James P. McNichol, now state senator, was represented by his wife in the firm while he was in the city council.

Shows Agreement. Other evidence was that a secret agreement existed between Councilman Caven and his father, trading as James Caven & Son, and another firm, in which they agreed that no contract should be entered into by either party with the McNichol firm or other firm doing work on the city's filtration system without the written consent of both parties.

## GEN. BATES NEXT HEAD OF THE ARMY

Succeeds Gen. Gillespie, Who Is Retired, and May Take Chaffee's Place Later.

Washington, D. C., June 16.—After nearly a half century of active service, Maj. Gen. George L. Gillespie, assistant chief of staff of the United States army, has been placed on the retired list at his own application. Gen. Gillespie succeeded as assistant chief of staff by Maj. Gen. John T. Bates, recently relieved from the command of the Northern Military division, and the understanding in military circles is that Gen. Bates will be made lieutenant general and chief of staff on the statutory retirement of Lieut. Gen. Chaffee next April.

## SECRETARY HAY IS YET FAR FROM WELL

Expects to Resume Duties in Cabinet—Lands at New York City.

New York, June 16.—Secretary of State Hay arrived from Europe last night much improved in health, but plainly showing that he was far from being a well man. His presence in this country evidently was anxiously expected by President Roosevelt, for an imposing and long document was delivered to him at quarantine by a special messenger from the white house, who went down the bay on a revenue cutter to deliver it to Hay in person. The contents of this message Hay refused to divulge.

Secretary Hay was informed by newspaper men that the envoys in the Russo-Japanese peace negotiations were to meet in Washington. It was the first information that he had received as to the outcome of the president's efforts. Hay said in response to questions that he had no intention of leaving the cabinet.

Joseph M. Feeley Dead. Chicago, June 16.—Rev. Joseph M. Feeley, well known throughout the country as a theologian and philosophical authority, is dead.

## MOTHER BUTCHERS FIVE TOTS WITH A KNIFE AT DUBUQUE

Dubuque, Iowa, June 16.—Mrs. Paul Klass killed her four small children and then committed suicide at her home near Kieler, Wis., eight miles east of Dubuque. The woman used a large butcher knife, cutting each of the children's throats. The eldest child was six, and the youngest a baby. The woman had been in ill health.

## YATES STIRS 'EM

Republican Federal Party Suddenly Becomes Busy at Chicago.

## LOWDEN INTERVIEWS CULLOM

Assures Latter of His Support—Ex-Governor Changes Plans and Goes Home.

Chicago, June 16.—The announcement that the political allies of Richard Yates had been called in to Chicago to launch his campaign for the senatorial seat now held by Senator Shelby Cullom "started things" yesterday. The former governor changed his plans, telegraphed his lieutenants that the conference was postponed, and returned to Springfield. The things that were started were in the opposing camp.

Frank O. Lowden paid a visit to Senator Cullom in the federal building on learning of the Yates plans. With the senator he went over the situation and assured him of his support.

Was Occasion For It. The necessity for this assurance would not seem apparent to those who have understood Lowden would be Cullom's strength in the senatorial fight, but it was given point by the fact that in central and southern Illinois there has been a succession of stories, covering a half year, to the effect that Lowden and not Cullom would be the candidate.

Col. Lowden made it plain that under no circumstances would he be a candidate, and that all the strength he has in the state would be used to aid Senator Cullom. In some parts of Illinois the colonel is more popular and is stronger politically than the senator. For a year he has been regarded as the heir apparent of the Cullom movement, and it has been asserted and reasserted that if anything went wrong with the Cullom candidacy Lowden would step into his shoes.

First Talk in a Year.

After the visit with Senator Cullom Lowden explained that he had not seen him since the state convention to have a talk on politics and other matters and that he had taken advantage of the opportunity.

## TWO BROTHERS STABBED

Howard Vrooman, Makes Violent Attack on Two Men.

Kansas City, Mo., June 16.—Howard Vrooman, real estate man here, brother of Walter Vrooman, promoter of the defunct Western Cooperative association, last night stabbed Harry J. Stoops and J. F. Stoops, brothers at their home. Harry J. Stoops is a real estate man and builder. Vrooman went to the Stoops residence and demanded \$70 which he said was due him, and followed the demand by the assault. He was arrested.

May Adopt Roman Characters.

San Francisco, June 16.—M. Toyama, of Tokio, a member of the Roman Character society of Japan, is here. This society is really a government commission, appointed to make a report on the advisability of the adoption of Roman characters in that country. Mr. Toyama says it is the belief of well informed Japanese that within the next decade Chinese characters, which are now used in Japan, will be replaced by the less complicated Roman letters.

Pope Sees Keane.

Rome, June 16.—The pope today received in private audience Most Rev. John J. Keane, archbishop of Dubuque, Iowa.

## PEACE CONFERENCE AT CHICAGO

Illinois Manufacturers Ask Gov. Deneen and Mayor Dunne to Invite Plenipotentiaries to Come.

Chicago, June 16.—A movement to have peace negotiations between Russia and Japan take place in Chicago should a change from Washington be desired was inaugurated today.

Capital of a Billion.

The Illinois Manufacturers' association, which represents a billion of invested capital and employs half a million men, took the initiative

## BOTH SIDES IMPLICATED

State's Attorney Says Chicago Will be Shaken to Foundation

## BY FACTS IN STRIKE

Claims Proof of Vast Corruption Has Been Placed Before Grand Jury.

Chicago, June 16.—The grand jury room, where witnesses are being examined as to payment of money for settlement of strikes, and regarding assaults upon non-union drivers, is still the center of interest in the teamsters' strike. Nothing was heard today about peace, and there is no evidence of the strike on the streets. Deliveries of goods in all lines are almost normal.

Promises Sensation.

Chicago, June 16.—The greatest scandal that Chicago has ever seen, according to State's Attorney Healy, is to follow disclosures made yesterday before the grand jury by John C. Driscoll, when the former secretary of the Associated Building Trades and Coal Team Owners' association revealed the entire history of dealings between employers and the union labor leaders, particularly that branch of union labor represented by the Chicago Teamsters' union.

Startling Results Expected.

Healy declared that the bribery and conspiracy charges dropped into comparative insignificance beside the accusations which have been brought to the attention of the grand jury. The state's attorney said: "More serious offenses have been committed than bribery and conspiracy and evidence presented has been of an extremely sensational character. It is very important and will lead to startling results. The names mentioned by the witnesses are those of prominent men on both sides. If I thought there would be no results from this investigation I would call a halt immediately. If necessary all docket cases will be sidetracked because of the great importance I attach to results of the present inquiry."

Had Documentary Evidence.

Driscoll took before the jury yesterday several check books which, together with cancelled checks are expected to prove many charges made by him against business men and labor leaders. It was evident by the appearance of the state's attorney and members of the jury after adjournment that Driscoll had given some very remarkable testimony. The state's attorney, his assistant and several members of the jury were highly agitated and they admitted passively that evidence of the "gravel" importance had been given but everybody was sworn to secrecy. Driscoll also was much agitated as he left the building. He refused, however, to discuss the nature of his testimony.

Shen Accepted \$8,000.

It was learned late last night that one of the statements made by Driscoll to the jury was that President Shea of the teamsters' union accepted \$8,000 at the time of the stock yards' strike last summer. This strike began on July 12 and lasted nine weeks. About 25,000 men were thrown out of employment, and millions of dollars were lost by the packers in business and by the men in wages. According to Driscoll's story he went to Shea to see if the teamsters could not be prevented from going out on a sympathetic strike. Shea, it is said by Driscoll, to have replied: "It will cost \$8,000 to keep them at work."

## INSURGENTS ARE KILLED

Salonica, European Turkey, June 16.—A band of 80 Macedonian insurgents was completely exterminated by Turkish troops near Palanka on June 13, after seven hours of severe fighting. The Turks lost nine killed, including two officers, and had 11 men wounded.

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Rouvier Keeps Portfolio.

Paris, June 16.—Premier Rouvier announced today he had definitely decided to permanently retain the portfolio of foreign affairs and relinquish that of finance.